

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: UR, US, UNSC, UNTC, TQ, PORT, PGOV  
SUBJECT: PRAVDA EDITORIAL ATTACKS U.S. MICRONESIA POLICY

REF: PORT LOUIS 0877

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FEB. 26 PRAVDA CARRIES UNSIGNED  
EDITORIAL "CONTRARY TO OBLIGATIONS" THAT SHARPLY ATTACKS  
U.S. POLICY IN MICRONESIA. EDITORIAL ALLEGES THAT U.S.  
IS ATTEMPTING TO USE MICRONESIA TO ESTABLISH U.S. CONTROL  
IN THE PACIFIC REGION. ARTICLE CLAIMS "PENTAGON GENERALS  
AND ADMIRALS" VIEW MICRONESIA AS A STRONGHOLD OF EXTREME  
IMPORTANCE AND BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE MICRONESIA "IN  
THEIR POCKET". EDITORIAL ALLEGES U.S. MILITARY BASES  
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ARE BEING BUILT IN MICRONESIA, THAT TESTING FIELDS FOR  
ICBMS ARE FUNCTIONING, AND THAT WASHINGTON HAS ANNOUNCED  
A "NEW STATUS" FOR MICRONESIA WHICH IT PLANS TO USE "TO  
ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEFENSE AND INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS" OF MICRONESIA.

2. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES BY:

-- ATTACKING "U.S. DIPLOMACY AND ITS LOCAL AGENTS" FOR  
"SUPPRESSING THE WILL" OF THE MICRONESIANS, WHO ARE  
"FIGHTING FOR REAL INDEPENDENCE", CRITICIZING "PLEBISCITE"  
WASHINGTON INTENDS TO HOLD IN THE CAROLINE AND MARSHALL  
ISLANDS, AND DENOUNCING THE U.S. FOR "IGNORING" ITS  
INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS IN MICRONESIA. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. COMMENT: BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. UPCOMING JULY 12  
REFERENDUM IN MICRONESIA HAS PROBABLY SPURRED SOVIETS TO  
RENEW THEIR ATTACKS ON U.S. POLICY IN MICRONESIA. WE  
EXPECT TO SEE FURTHER CRITICISM IN THE SOVIET PRESS  
IN THE WEEKS AHEAD. END CONFIDENTIAL. MATLOCK

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